REMARKS

This is a full response to the non-final Office Action of November 18, 2003.

Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this First Response, claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. In the Office Action, restriction to one of the following alleged inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121: Invention I (Claims 1-10, 17, and 20); Invention II (Claims 11-13); and Invention III (Claims 14-19). The assignee of the instant application hereby elects Invention I (Claims 1-10, 17, and 20) without traverse.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this paper, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Assignee's undersigned counsel.

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